

# DEMOCRATS UNCOVER PANAMA CANAL SCHEME

Cromwell Says Effort Is Being Made to Blackmail Him, So Goes to Jerome.

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It was to the effect that the alleged American syndicate bought the canal from the French owners for about \$5,000,000 and then unloaded it on the Government for \$40,000,000. The syndicate members cutting up the difference as a big profit, after paying the expenses of the transaction. The fact is that no transaction ever took place, and that everything was regular and that the money went to the French interests for which it was intended.

## Plan to Spring Story.

"At one time, knowing that the Democrats were investigating some such story, there was consideration here at Republican headquarters of springing the story and telling the truth about it. In order to beat the Democrats to it, and spoil their investigation, it was decided that the Democrats an excuse for trying to keep the story alive and make more of it, so we gave up that plan. Now that Mr. Cromwell has complained to the authorities of what he believes is an attempt to blackmail him, the thing has become public."

Mr. Cromwell's denial is most sweeping. He said the syndicate has been alleged. The only excuse for suggestion of such a thing is that in 1899, there was talk of organizing an American corporation to buy the canal from the French and finish it as an American enterprise.

## Plan Falls Through.

This fell through, because investigation showed that it was impossible to carry out such a scheme. There were more than 700,000 stock and bond holders. Mr. Cromwell said he was not connected with any deal and did not believe any American was connected with a deal to buy the Panama securities in France with the purpose of making profits when the canal was sold to the United States.

Mr. Cromwell said: "We may expect during a heated political contest, all kinds of stories which are not worthy of notice, but this one I wish to denounce, in the strongest terms, as a lying fabrication without a shadow of truth in it. Neither I, nor any one allied with me, either directly or indirectly, at any time or in any place in America or abroad, ever bought, sold, dealt in, or ever made a penny of profit out of any stocks, bonds, or securities of either the old Panama Canal Company or the new Panama Canal Company. I never owned, or held, or sold, or bought, or dealt in, or in any way connected with the same a single dollar of the \$40,000,000 paid by the United States. I make this the most sweeping statement that language can convey."

## Refused the Money.

"As every body connected with the affair knows, I abstained from receiving the \$40,000,000 in my own hands at Washington or New York as the general counsel of the company, and myself arranged for the payment of the entire \$40,000,000 to the Treasury of the United States through the bankers of the Government into the Bank of France at Paris to the credit of the liquidators of the two companies."

"There it remained subject to the order of the liquidators, until distributed to the beneficiaries, and not one dollar of it ever came to me or anyone in any wise connected with me. Of course, I do not refer to our regular compensation as counsel. I suppose it will be years before the names of the persons identified and the distribution completely made."

The mention of names of Mr. Taft and Douglas Robinson is another evidence that this is a fake story. No member of the Taft family or Douglas Robinson ever had the remotest connection with Panama canal matters directly or indirectly, and I never saw one of them since the time the United States acquired the canal. I never saw Douglas Robinson in my life. The names of Caesar and Napoleon could as well have been used, for it could not be more impossible.

## Threshed Out in Senate.

"All this, except the dragging in of new names, was threshed out before the United States committee by the late Senator Morgan. Out of respect for the dead, I refrain from commenting upon the proceedings, but I feel warranted in saying that it was pursued with unparalleled energy and skill. It was, however, completely exploded and refuted by the facts in the case and ended in complete discomfiture. There is not a word in this piece before me that I did not notice at this time if it did not concern others."

Col. Alexander S. Bacon, who is said to have studied the Panama situation, treated the complaint of Mr. Jerome as a joke.

"I have not seen William Nelson Cromwell for two years," he declared.

"I have had no communication with him. I have not taken a dishonest dollar in my life. I know of no complaint against me at the district attorney's office, and I'll be there to answer it when I am notified. The fact of the matter, so far as I may disclose at present, is as follows: I tried to expose this syndicate as far back as 1904, when the United States bought the canal. I knew then that there was a syndicate of American capitalists which had bought this property from the French company, but I did not know the names of the men in this syndicate."

## Made Trip to France.

"I made a trip to France to find out, but did not get the information. Eight days ago, I returned from a second trip to France on the same errand, and now I know the names in this syndicate. When you ask me whether Taft and Robinson are among those names, must be to be excused. The whole thing will come out shortly. Mr. Cromwell knows what the Republican national committee knows. If there is any complaint before the district attorney of New York, it looks to me like an attempt to blackmail me."

"I have heard of no complaint, and I have never heard of any person named Hington, who is supposed to be associated with me in the alleged complaint. I was sent over to France this last time to investigate the canal purchase by certain prominent persons whom I cannot indicate at this moment. The Democratic national committee knows the names of the persons who were sent to France, and I am one of the charges that I have tried to blackmail him. Once before, a man was sent to France to investigate the canal purchase, and he was bought off. I cannot be bought off."

## GOV. HUGHES' VOICE DELAYS CAMPAIGN

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Governor Hughes' voice has given out. He tried to make speeches at Wellsville, Salamanca, and Randolph, and in each instance could not get his voice above a whisper. A throat specialist forbade him to do any more speechmaking for a day or two.

# Like Cleopatra of Old, Mrs. Gould Gets Her Hair Shampooed on Nile, And Husband Says She Was Drunk

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Like the lovely Cleopatra of ancient history, Katherine Clemons Gould basked in the sunshine on the Nile while disposed of her case upon a native boat surrounded by maids who shampooed her lovely tresses.

It is probable that Cleopatra did not have the same shampoo recipe that Mrs. Gould's maid applied. In her answer read in court yesterday Mrs. Gould asserted her husband was extravagantly angry because of her Nile shampoo, and even went so far as to say she had slighted his guests because she was drunk. Then Mrs. Gould says her husband ill-naturedly abused her in the presence of the Khedive of Egypt, Mohamed Ali, an Egyptian prince, Bourke Cockran, General Long, the American consul in Cairo, and others.

## Explains Shampoo.

As to the splendid trip on the Nile which drives with the Egyptian potentates, of which her husband complains, the statement of Mrs. Gould is as follows: "One day we went up on the Nile in a native boat, and while the others were sightseeing I had my hair shampooed. Mr. Gould became violently enraged at this, and accused me of being drunk. I had drunk nothing whatever. My life during the entire trip was one of abuse, although I had every attention, every kindness, and every politeness shown to me by every one else."

## Cocktail at Dinner.

At dinner she drank a cocktail when she felt like it, and a glass of sparkling

Burgundy or champagne with the meal, she explains. That was the limit of her indulgence, she says.

These points came out when a motion of Howard Gould's counsel to strike out certain allegations from his wife's amended complaint as "scandalous" came before Justice Giechrich. In the supreme court. The drinking incidents and the shampoo on the Nile, together with drives with the Khedive and with the Egyptian prince, were included in the "scandalous" allegations made to substantiate the general charge that Gould was insanely jealous of the former actress.

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# ARE IN QUARANTINE Officers Allowed on Shore; Men Are Chafing Under Discrimination.

MANILA, Oct. 3.—The sailors are getting the worst of the restrictive measures, adopted by Admiral Sperry's to guard against cholera, during the fleet's stay in Manila bay. The officers are enjoying shore leave, and many of them remained in the city last night, having received written permission from the commanding officer of their ships.

No such liberty is granted the men, though there is a possibility that the present rule will be modified before the fleet sails, as cholera conditions are steadily improving. The men are chafing under the discrimination made against them, and are arguing that they are as able to guard against infection as the officers.

The Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Vermont, Virginia, and Illinois are among the ships. The water parade today was not conducted on as large a scale as anticipated, not more than forty steamers and launches taking part.

# Demise of "Tom" Lawson Confirmed By Himself; Fifth and Last Time He Has Died to Help Wall Street

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—Persistent rumors that Thomas W. Lawson was critically ill and the statement of a New York brokerage house that it had inside information that he was dead, brought forth confirmation of the demise from Mr. Lawson last evening. He issued this statement: "For hours my telephone has been besieged by the press from all over the city with the question, 'Is it true you're dead?' Wall Street says you are, and the market has advanced four points."

"This is the fifth time in as many years that I have died a professional death. Dying like living, becomes stale and unprofitable when overdone. This is to confirm for the last time that I am dead and to demand the privilege of the dead to remain dead."

"For this concession to Wall Street, I claim the right in the future to announce my funeral after it has taken place and the privilege, until I announce it, of being allowed to arrange the rites without Wall Street's meddling."

"THOMAS W. LAWSON."

# DR. MANN FAILS TO MAKE REPLY

Episcopalians Await Answer From Bishop-Elect in Boston.

No word has yet been received from the Rev. Alexander R. Mann, the new bishop-elect of Washington, in reply to the telegram and letter addressed to him by Dr. Randolph H. McKim, chairman of the diocesan convention, notifying him of his selection, and stating that the diocesan convention would visit him in Boston whenever it will be convenient for him to receive it. Dr. McKim and many other Episcopal clergymen of Washington feel confident that Dr. Mann will accept the charge, and that his experience and ability make him particularly qualified to be of service in this city.

The committee which will officially name Dr. Mann of his elevation to the bishopric of Washington is composed of Dr. McKim, the Rev. Roland Cotton Spurr, rector of St. John's Church, and Melville Church.

In naming this committee, Dr. McKim followed the precedent of the convention of twelve years ago, when the chairman of the convention, the rector of St. John's Church, and a lay deputy, were appointed to elect a bishop.

# EDUCATORS FINISH BUSINESS SESSION

Delegates to Public Education Association Hear Interesting Address—Visit Juvenile Court.

Delegates to the Public Education Association held their final business meeting this morning in the Juvenile Court building, and completed some slight additional amendments to the constitution of the association. The change provided for the election of the executive committee, instead of the old method of the committee, appointing its own successors, met with hearty approval on the part of the majority of the delegates.

After the meeting adjourned a visit was made to the Juvenile Court. At the public session this afternoon at the Willard, Prof. Percival Chubb, of the Ethical Culture School of New York city, delivered an address on "Some Aspects of Moral Hygiene," and Prof. Lightner Witmer, of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Educational Campaign Against Mental and Moral Retardation."

The establishment of school sanatoria for the instruction of pupils suffering with tuberculosis, and in which the instruction would be given by teachers in the same condition was strongly urged by Dr. A. A. Adams, who has been working on tuberculosis. "The Child and the Teacher," delivered at the public session held last night at the Willard. Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts spoke on Esperanto, rendering several selections in the new language and reading a letter from a twelve-year-old girl, who had mastered its simple principles of grammar. Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey read a paper on mental health in the school, practically concluding.

# CONSULS BOYCOTT GOVERNOR'S LEVEE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 3.—The last levee held by the governor, general, Lord Dudley, was boycotted by all foreign consuls. The reason for this is believed to have been the withdrawal of the right of private entrance to such functions, which was decided upon at the close of Lord Northcote's term of office. The list of guests had become unwieldy.

The consuls intend voicing their objections to the withdrawal of private entrance in the form of an address to Lord Dudley.

DOWIE'S WEALTH \$1,079,647. CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—G. D. Thomas, receiver for the estate of John Alexander Dowie, founder of the religious community at Zion City, today filed a report in the Federal Court, showing the assets of the estate to be \$1,079,647. Against this are secured claims of \$25,327 and unsecured claims, including many still in dispute, of \$49,932.

Death notices inserted in The Washington Times will, on request, be published in the next issue of The Baltimore News or The Philadelphia Evening Times without other charge.

# Died

DAVIS—Departed this life September 28, 1908, at her home in Wagoner, Okla., MAMIE ANDERSON DAVIS, beloved wife of Dr. P. Scott Davis, and only sister of Juanita Anderson Ross.

HAINES—On Thursday, October 1, 1908, at 7:30 a. m., JOHN E., beloved husband of Emma Haines.

John E. Haines was sixty-five years old and died after a long illness of nine months. Mr. Haines was employed as a cabinetmaker. He is survived by a wife, Emma Haines, and one sister, MARY BESS SHEPARD. Mr. Haines was identified with the Carpenters' Union and a member of the Methodist Church.

NEACEY—Suddenly, on Friday, October 2, 1908, at 7:30 a. m., CATHERINE, widow of Thomas Neacey.

Deaths.

Martha E. Lucas, 58 years, 1110 Sixth street northeast.

# FATHER NOT SAVED BY "UNWRITTEN LAW"

South Carolina Man Found Guilty After Girl Elasts Life on Stand.

LAURENS, S. C., Oct. 2.—J. Henry Garrison has been found guilty of manslaughter for killing J. Lewis Williamson, whom he shot in the presence of his daughter, Miss Mary Garrison, who is said to have been engaged to be married to the young man. The father of young Williamson denied that an engagement existed between his son and Miss Garrison.

Testimony was adduced by the defense to show that young Williamson was guilty of improprieties toward his pretty fiancée when her father shot him. Williamson and the girl were alone in the parlor of her home when Garrison appeared at the window and shot the young man.

Miss Garrison, although summoned by the State, gave testimony for the defense. She undertook to blast her own reputation in order to support the "unwritten law" theory, which had been prepared in an effort to save the life of her parent.

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# CHURCH NOTICES.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 8th and H sts. N. W. Rev. Samuel H. Green, D. D., pastor. 9:30 a. m. Sunday school. 11 a. m. Morning service. Public worship, with sermon by the pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Testimony Bible Class, Thursday, 7 p. m. Church prayer meeting, 8 p. m. Endeavor meetings, Tuesday, 8 p. m. and Sunday, 4:30 and 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. It

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Scottish Rite Hall, 1007 G St. N. W. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Communion service Sunday. On Sunday morning Bishop Oliver C. Sablin will deliver the first of a series of lectures, teaching how to heal the sick. This will be the only free course given during the year. Those who desire to learn should have the first and each subsequent lecture. Evening lecture by Bishop Sablin. Application of Evangelical Christian Science. Lecture meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Seats free. All invited. It

THE SECULAR LEAGUE—Subject of Inaugural address, "The Scope of Secularism," by Hyman C. Kirk, at 3 p. m., Pythian Temple, 1022 14th St. N. W. Seats free. It

PEOPLE'S open air evening on Cathedral grounds, Mt. St. Alban, at 4 p. m., October 4. Special service, Rev. Henry H. Brown, Chaplain U. S. A. Vested choir, led by detachment of the United States Marine Band. Tickets 25c. It

Y. M. C. A. Vesper service, 4:30 p. m., October 4. Silver Ball, Sunday. Delegates will tell of the summer conference. Special music. All women welcome. It

SPIRITUALISM—Message from the Spirit World. Alfred H. Terry will hold a Spiritualism evening at 8 o'clock. Lecture followed by messages and psychometric readings at Schenck Hall, 10th and M sts. N. W. Good music. All welcome. It

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# PRESIDENT ISSUES BLIND AT WASKELL

Publishes Letter Against Governor, Sent Him by Lawyer.

President Roosevelt today indirectly took another cap at Governor H. L. Sturdevant, when a letter from W. L. Sturdevant, of the law firm of Sturdevant & Sturdevant, of St. Louis, taking the governor to task for his alleged connection with certain transactions by which the Creek Indians are said to have been defrauded out of their lands, was made public at the White House.

Attorney Sturdevant's letter is self-explanatory, and was issued without comment. It is as follows:

Dear Mr. President: I notice in Governor H. L. Sturdevant's letter of September 23 published in today's papers, the following statement: "Yes, I believe I am a defendant as to certain Government town-site lots in one of nearly 11,000 suits that you have brought against as many different honorable and high-minded citizens of Oklahoma, and you will not undertake to deny that petty politics for the purpose of Republicanizing about 20,000 Indian votes was your sole motive for having these suits brought; and I charge you with knowing that there has been no delay in these cases, except that occasioned by the court's deliberations, taken by himself as time he deemed necessary to consider whether or not there is any merit in the petition filed by your own lawyer."

The above statement regarding the town-site suit is so imperfect that it is entirely misleading. All these suits in which Governor H. L. Sturdevant is defendant, except one, were filed in 1907, prior to the admission of Oklahoma as a State. He is charged with a direct participation in the frauds through which the Indians were deprived of their property, and the bills seek to hold him personally liable for the injury thus inflicted.

He has not answered to the merits in a single case, but all pleas filed by his attorneys are purely technical, and, necessarily, the most trivial. I, Mott, attorney for the Creek Nation, and myself, have many times urged a hearing on the merits of these cases, and I have personally proposed several times to his attorneys of record that they file answers in the cases in order that a hearing might be had upon the merits and the cases disposed of.

These suggestions never have met an affirmative response, and the result is that the cases have taken the regular course on a heavy docket. We have announced several times in open court, and otherwise, that we are ready for an immediate hearing in any and all suits filed.

This has been done with a view of obtaining a speedy adjustment of the controversies, and in order to give any citizen with a prima facie liability an opportunity to acquit himself of such charge, if possible, without delay. This course could have been pursued without any delay, but for the reasons stated, and otherwise, that the defendants have not approved it.

I have the honor to remain, with great respect, Very truly yours, W. L. STURDEVANT.

# PRaises ROOSEVELT FOR "TRUST BUSTING"

Bonaparte Shows How Busy Has Been the Present Administration.

That there have been more efforts made toward "trust busting" under the administration of President Roosevelt than under any or all of the other Presidential administrations, is shown by Attorney General Bonaparte in his reply to a letter from Joseph Daniels, chairman of the Democratic press committee.

Mr. Daniels asked for facts connected with trust prosecutions by the Department of Justice, including the present standing of litigation against trusts. In reply Mr. Bonaparte states:

"There have been instituted during the administration of President Roosevelt, 28 proceedings, civil and criminal. Of these, seventy-three have been concluded successfully, forty have been concluded unsuccessfully, and 115 are now pending. The fines imposed in the criminal cases amount, in the aggregate, to \$1,260,325."

"Under previous Republican administrations, there were instituted seventy-four proceedings."

# CARDINAL GIBBONS LOSES HIS VOTE

BALTIMORE, Oct. 3.—Because of his absence in Europe, Cardinal Gibbons has temporarily disfranchised himself, and will be unable to vote in the Presidential election on November 3.

The cardinal is now on the ocean, homeward bound, and will reach this city October 10. The last two days of registration will be October 7 and 8, and thus he will not be here in time to have his name entered.

# WANTS TRIAL BLIND AT WASKELL

Jerome Says Cost to West Chester Would Be Too Great.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Declaring that the two trials of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White had cost New York city \$54,832, and that the forthcoming trial to test Thaw's insanity, set for West Chester county, would entail a needless expense on that county, District Attorney Jerome today filed a voluminous brief before Supreme Court Justice Mills, at Newberg, for an order to show cause why the trial should not be held in this county.

Jerome says that if the trial is held in West Chester county, he will not take part in it, as he had been advised by Corporation Counsel Pendleton that there is no legal reason why he should participate in a trial outside of the county.

The expense of the trial in West Chester county, Jerome says, would be much heavier than were it held here, for the reason that his office is familiar with the case, and the cost of obtaining expert testimony here would be much less than in West Chester.

He added that the office is certain that no fraud has been perpetrated during the last year in the closing of older transactions will be looked into carefully, particularly those in which the names of certain corporations appear.

The officials here are using their utmost efforts to prevent publicity at this time, as it is feared the parties implicated may take alarm and cover their tracks. Information reached the General Land Office more than a year ago which resulted in the immediate dismissal of one of the trusted special agents working in the California field. His successor was directed to make a searching inspection of land titles and transfers in several California counties.

Before this work was completed, another special agent with jurisdiction over California was appointed. These steps were taken for the purpose of closing the case of possible conspiracy.

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# VICTORY GAS CASE FEAT OF REPORT

Corporation Counsel Says Application Is of Grave Importance.

In his annual report, submitted to the Commissioners today, Corporation Counsel E. H. Thomas says that he regards the application of the Washington and Georgetown Gas Light Companies, to have valuation made by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia of their respective plants, for the purpose of increasing their capital stock, as the most important legal work imposed on his office during the year.

"These proceedings," says the Corporation Counsel, "have been annulled on the application of the Commissioners to the Court of Appeals for writ of prohibition, which that court issued to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. An appeal has been taken by the Washington Gas Light Company to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the case is now pending."

"The granting of this writ of prohibition in the case mentioned is the first instance, so far as I know, where the writ of prohibition has been granted by the local courts, and there appears to be only three reported instances where it has been granted by the Supreme Court."

"I am advised to state the fact that the work in these gas cases was the personal work of the Corporation Counsel, and that the considerable clerical work was provided, wholly outside of the office force, by private arrangement."

The following schedule shows the litigation concerning the District of Columbia, twenty-four suits at law wherein damages or due by contract, the amount claimed against the District aggregated about \$196,125.25, resulted in judgments aggregating \$38,979; and twenty-one suits at law in that court wherein the amount claimed against the District aggregated \$229,910; and remained pending. The District brought a number of suits at law to collect personal taxes, and defended various other suits at law and in equity.

# Condemnation Suits.

Twenty-five condemnation suits for extension of streets were brought and twenty-three were disposed of, resulting in awards of damages of \$141,922.79, and assessments of benefits of \$120,927.79.

Proceedings were had in six general condemnation suits for rights of way for sewers, sites for school houses, and other public uses, in which the awards amounted to \$12,400.61.

Twelve cases of alley condemnations resulted in awards of \$17,784.60 and assessments of \$21,655.72.

There were sixteen suits brought against the District of Columbia and one brought by the District.

The number of lunacy petitions filed were 312, as against 221 and 236 for the two previous fiscal years.

The Supreme Court of the United States, one taken there by the District, and the remainder on appeal and error assigned by opponents.

Recommendation is made for an additional stenographer.

# FRAUD IS SUSPECTED BY THE LAND OFFICE

Special Agents Probing Deals Involving 1,000,000 Acres in California.

Suspecting that a great land fraud had been perpetrated in California and adjoining States, the Interior Department and the Department of Justice are conducting a quiet but thorough investigation.

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